

**REGULAR MEETING
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
JUNE 3, 2008 - 3:00 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARD ROOM**

1. Roll call and Call to Order – Chairman Caldwell call meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. PRESENT: Eugene Caldwell, Laurie Boivin, Joan Delabreau (3:40), Kathy Kaquatosh, Jeremy Weso and Keith Tourtillott. MEMBERS ABSENT: Gregory Askenette. ALSO PRESENT: Marlin Waupoose, Jean Cox, Gary Pyawasay, Annette Westphal, Ben Grignon and Dave Grignon.

2. Moment of Silence –

Dave Grignon gave a brief prayer.

3. Approval of Minutes dated May 6, 2008.

Motion made by Laurie Boivin to suspend the agenda and move agenda item #7 up to agenda item #3 spot. Second was made by Keith Tourtillott. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 1-absent (Askenette).

7. Museum Budget –

Dave Grignon was present at the meeting and was requesting funds from the tribe to help expand the Menominee Cultural Museum. Dave had a memo that he read to the committee and that was also in their packets. The committee had a few questions and concerns on this issue. If the committee would decide to approve this request there would be around ten to twenty thousand Menominee artifacts that would come back to our Tribe. A few committee members were concerned with this request and that Dave was not really prepared for a recommendation to the Menominee Tribal Legislature.

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature to help fund a portion of the \$3,133,139.00 Menominee Cultural Museum Project by contributing \$1,717,162.00 in a form a cash and/or loan financing; that the additional amount provided by in addition to the \$400,000.00 previously committed by the Tribe, the ICDBG grant, road construction funds, and private donations; that the Legal Services Director and Finance Manager are authorized to negotiate with lender on the terms and conditions of a 5, 10, 15, 20 or 25 year construction loan; and that the cost of future operation and maintenance be borne by future Tribal appropriations and aggressive donation drives by the Historic Preservation Department. Second was made by Keith Tourtillott. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3-for, 1-opposed (Delabreau feels that the information provided is incomplete) 1-abstention (Boivin is not comfortable with approving the Museum project because the lack of information) 1-absent (Askenette).

Motion made by Laurie Boivin to go back to the regular agenda item. Second was made by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 1-absent (Askenette).

3. Approval of Minutes dated May 6, 2008 –

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to approve the minutes dated May 6, 2008 with corrections. Second was made by Laurie Boivin. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-abstentions (Tourtillott not present at the May meeting), 1-absent (Askenette).

4. Revised Bylaws –

The committee went over the revised bylaws and made a few corrections.

Motion made by Keith Tourtillott to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature to approve the Budget & Finance Bylaws as amended. Second was made by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 1-absent (Askenette).

5. Space Rental issue –

Marlin Waupoose was present to go over the space rental issue with the committee. Marlin was asking for approval on the space rental rate. The committee had a few questions on how Marlin comes up with the rate estimate.

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to approve the FY 09 space rental rates at the FY 08 rate and request the Maintenance Director to come back at the next regular Budget and Finance meeting to submit the new budgets for FY 09. Second was made by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 1-absent (Askenette).

6. FY 09 Budget projection –

Jeremy Weso had provided the committee with a spreadsheet with all the projected department's budgets. Some of the committee members weren't comfortable approving the Budget projection with the rates for some departments. Legislature Boivin suggested that Jeremy project the FY 09 budget based on FY 08 budgets. The committee members would not approve the budget projection and would need a special meeting just for this item.

Motion made by Joan Delabreau that the revenue projections go back to the director's for clarifications regarding if they have a significant change either plus or minus by 10% and do an analysis based on their history and explain what the changes are justifying and to be ready for review at the next special meeting of the Budget and Finance committee. Second was made by Keith Tourtillott. All those in

favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 1-absent (Askenette).

8. Monthly Reports –

No monthly reports submitted.

Motion made by Keith Tourtillott to table the monthly reports. Second was made by Laurie Boivin. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 1-absent (Askenette).

9. Other Business –

Chairman Caldwell said that Tribal checks were bouncing. Kathy Kaquatosh said that the only issue she was aware of was with the Hill Stop and Kathy did work with the Hill Stop manager. Some of the committee said that Wal-Mart also was refusing to cash the pink Tribal checks. Kathy Kaquatosh will be looking into this issue more.

10. Adjournment –

Motion made by Jeremy Weso/Joan Delabreau to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Caldwell, Recorder/Transcriber
Chairman's Office